THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) State Bank of India has reported that it is charging interest from the farmers availing loan for crops at following rates depending upon the size of the limit:

Size of limit	Interest Rate effective from 29.06.2009
Upto Rs. 3.00 lacs	7% p.a. (fixed) as per Govt. of India's directives
Above Rs. 3.00 lacs but upto Rs. 5 lacs	SBAR *i.e.* 11.75% p.a.
Above Rs. 5 lacs but upto Rs. 25 lacs	1.00% above SBAR *i.e.* 12.75% p.a.

SBAR: State Bank Advance Rate

However, SBI has reported that Crop Loans/Production Loans above Rs. 3.00 lacs and upto Rs. 25.00 lacs are extended to the farmers affected by drought (natural calamity) across the county at 10% fixed for the loans sanctioned upto 31.03.2010.

(c) and (d) With effect from October 18, 1994 RBI has deregulated the interest rates on advances above Rs. 2 lakh, including housing loans, and these interest rates are determined by the banks themselves with the approval of their Boards subject to Benchmark Prime Lending Rate (BPLR) and Spread guidelines. Individual banks therefore determine interest rates to be charged to a particular borrower subject to BPLR and Spread guidelines. Loans upto Rs. 2 lakh carry the prescription of not exceeding the BPLR. However, banks have the freedom to determine the rate of interest, without reference to BPLR and regardless of size in respect of loans for purchase of consumer durables and other non-priority sector personal loans including credit cards dues.

Flow of FII

2018. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the inflow and outflow of Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) in the country during the period April to September, 2009;

(b) whether this investment has mainly been made in secondary market;

(c) if so, the amount thereof in primary and secondary market separately; and

(d) whether this inflow is a part of the strategy to acquire profit making industries by increasing their stake in them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) As per report furnished by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the Foreign

Institutional Investors (FII) investment (equity) during the period of April to September 2009 based on daily reports made by custodians is as under:

Gross Purchase (Rs. crores)	Gross Sale (Rs. crores)	Net Investment (Rs. crores)
372092	307323	64769

(b) SEBI has reported that 62.5 per cent of FII net investment has been done in the secondary market.

(c) The FII investment (equity) in secondary market and primary market and others reported for the period April to September, 2009 is as under:

Market	Gross Purchase (Rs. crores)	Gross Sale (Rs. crores)	Net Investment (Rs. crores)
Secondary Market (Equity)	347718.5	307196.3	40522.2
Primary market and Others* (Equity)	23027.2	1162.4	21865.8
Addition/omission**	1346.3	-1035.7	2382.0
TOTAL	372092	307323	64769

*Others include FIIs activities in right/bonus issues, private placement, merger and acquisition, buy-back etc.

**Addition/omission on account of amendments/deletions done in the contract notes, reported by custodians of the FIIs.

(d) Investment decisions by Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) are based on their commercial judgement.

Inflation and purchasing power of Rupee

†2019. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual inflation rate has been constantly increasing in the country from the year 2002-03 to 2008-09;

(b) if so, the assessment of growth rate of average inflation during the said years; and

(c) the assessment of decrease in the purchasing power of Rupee in the Indian market from the year 2002-03 to 2008-09 due to increased inflation?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.